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# GREETINGS



**W**E ARE introducing this year four iris in varied colors. All are winter hardy, vigorous and free blooming.

Our little business has grown each year and my strength and endurance are headed in the opposite direction. I have been unable to delegate a large part of the work and have been forced to take some action to reduce the amount of labor. So I have reluctantly decided to omit from our catalogue 20 of the lower priced varieties formerly listed.

The best time to transplant Iris is debatable. However, when plants are not crowded and are growing under favorable conditions, I believe it best not to disturb them during the hot and often dry months of June and July. I prefer to fill orders for the Northern States in late August and for the Southern States in September.

You are most cordially invited to visit our gardens when in bloom. The height of our season of bloom is usually in the first week in June.

The Shore Line trains of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee line stop at 8th St., Wilmette, one block from our residence, 809 Central Avenue.

There is some talk of discontinuing this service. If this should happen before blooming season, take the Evanston Wilmette trains on the elevated to the end of the line Linden Avenue, Wilmette. Taxi service available. Six blocks to our residence. Our new garden and most extensive planting is at 1519 Maple Avenue, Wilmette.

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## 1949 INTRODUCTIONS

***Heritage.*** Seedling 46-16. Tally Ho X Courtier. H. C. 1947. A flamingo pink of a deeper tone than Hit Parade or Cherie. A nice full petaled flower of heavy substance with slightly ruffled semi-flaring falls and nicely held standards. It's a smooth self with no haft markings and has a bright tangerine beard. On page 115 in "The Iris, An Ideal Hardy Perennial" you may see a picture of Heritage. ....\$20.00

***Melody Lane.*** Seedling 46-02. From two flamingo pink seedlings. Here is a very attractive new color in Iris that I believe will be very popular. A Commercial artist described it as a bright glistening golden apricot. That seems to be as good a description of the color as I have heard. The flowers are very large, of good form with some ruffling and with a large brilliant deep tangerine beard. Sturdy 36-inch Stems. An Early bloomer. ....\$20.00

***Illinois.*** Seedling 45-18. From two yellow seedlings. H. C. 1946. A Creamy yellow self of large size, fine texture and purity of color. The large well formed flowers of heavy substance are carried on strong 36-inch extra well branched stems. It is a very vigorous grower and prolific bloomer. ....\$15.00

***Tally Ho.*** Seedling 44-29. Fantasy x 42-46. 42-46 is Golden Eagle x 39-62. The general color of this flower is something new and pleasing. The upper part of the falls are close to the deep coloring seen in bright fuschia colored orchids.

The domed standards and lower part of the falls are lighter. It is a large well formed flower of heavy substance. The branching on the stout 32-inch stems is a little closely spaced for the large flowers. Tally Ho is of our flamingo pink strain and is one of the most valuable parents for getting increase in size and variety of color. When crossed with our clear flamingo pinks it throws clear pinks, orchid pinks, golden apricots and some burgundy shades. It is one of the parents of Heritage, Pink Sensation and others scheduled for introduction . . . . \$15.00

## OTHER HALLCROFT INTRODUCTIONS

***Bandmaster.*** H. C. 1943. H. M. 1944. A very large vigorous growing and free blooming powder blue, a few shades lighter than the Admiral. The Color holds unusually well and the form, substance, stem and branching are good. Height 38 inches. . . . . \$4.00

***Burgundy Rose.*** The large ruffled dark Amethyst-Colored flowers are proudly carried on strong well branched 35-inch stems. The color of Burgundy Rose is quite striking and it has great garden value. It is a vigorous grower and a free bloomer . . . . . \$5.00

***Chantilly.*** H. M. 1945. A. M. 1947. A large ruffled orchid pink flower. The edges of both standards and falls are heavily frilled or fluted, more so than I have seen in any other flower. Chantilly is from the same line of breeding as our flamingo pinks. The 36-inch stems are stout and well branched. It has extra good substance, is winter hardy and a free bloomer . . . . . \$5.00

**Cherie.** H. C. 1945. H. M. 1947. A large ruffled full bodied flamingo pink self of excellent form and substance and with a deep tangerine beard.

The 34-inch Stems are very stout and well branched. Growth is vigorous and increase much above average. This is a beautiful pink, fine in every respect. Stock rather limited.

(Picture on cover) .....\$20.00

**Courtier.** H. C. 1944. Deepest in color of the flamingo pinks. It is not as large nor has it as good form as Cherie, but the color is outstanding. The 30-inch stems are strong and the branching is good. Prominent deep tangerine beard. All our flamingo pinks are winter hardy and set seed freely. ....\$10.00

**Dream Girl.** A flamingo pink self of a little deeper tone than Overture. The medium sized flowers are carried on 28-inch strong well branched stems. The foliage is narrow and the rhizomes small. A fine border iris.

..... \$5.00

**Fantasy.** H. C. 1944. H. M. 1947. A lovely rose and orchid toned pink, distinctive and quite different in color from the flamingo pinks. But it is of the same breeding as the flamingos and has the tangerine beard. The well formed above medium sized flowers have good substance and are carried on well branched 30-inch stout stems. ....\$20.00

**Firecracker.** H. M. 1943. A glowing dark burgundy red plicata, with yellow trim. The flowers have good substance, are well formed and carried on stout 32-inch stems. The depth and richness of color commands the attention of everyone .....\$3.50

**Floradora.** A medium toned flamingo pink of good form and substance on well branched 30-inch stems. The blooms are of medium size with a geranium red beard. The size of flower, foliage and stem are in good balance. Like all our flamingo pinks it is a self with no haft markings .....\$7.50



**Golden Russet.** H. C. 1945. H. M. 1947  
The unusual feature of this flower is its great size. On an established well grown plant it produces flowers seven inches high, the falls measure nine inches across when spread out on a ruler and the buds measure up to six inches. Golden Russet produces the largest Iris flowers I have seen. The 40-inch stems are stout and only on rare occasions do they require staking. It is a splendid grower and a free bloomer. The name is descriptive of its color. ....\$7.50

**Hit Parade.** Another flamingo pink, with some ruffling, good form and substance, and a little larger flower than Courtier and Floradora, carried on a well branched strong 34-inch stem. The color is lighter than Courtier and slightly deeper than Floradora, and has the characteristic tangerine beard. All these flamingo pinks are free bloomers and increase rapidly ....\$10.00

**Katharine Fay.** H. C. 1943, H. M. 1945. A. M. 1947. A grand white, originated by Mr. Orville Fay of Wilmette, Ill. The large pure white flowers have no yellow in the center. It has tall ruffled standards and wide ruffled semi-flaring falls. The sturdy well branched 34-inch stems and vigorous growing plants further recommend it as an excellent hardy white ....\$5.00

**Lynn Langford.** H. C. 1945. H. M. 1946. A deep toned orchid pink with a golden yellow center which is smoothly blended into the orchid pink without veining. The flower is large, of good form, heavy substance and is carried on a strong 36-inch stem. It is a free bloomer and was a general favorite in our garden last season ....\$8.00

**Premier Peach.** H. C. 1944. H. M. 1946. A clear pinkish peach self with no haft markings. The flowers are larger than Overture or Dream Girl, its sister seedlings and are of heavy substance and good form. It is a vigorous grower, a free bloomer and the stout 34-inch stems are well branched. .... \$8.00

**Radiation.** Seedling 45-03. H. C. 1947. H. M. 1948. A pleasing tone of orchid pink with a deep tangerine beard. The standards and falls are the same color and there is no veining on the haft. The standards of the large flowers are domed, the falls are semi-flaring and the substance good. The 32-inch well branched stems have never required staking. Radiation is from one of our so-called strawberry blond pinks crossed with Premier Peach. . . . \$20.00

**Sky Ranger.** Seedling 45-05. A very tall, stately and heavily ruffled medium blue. It grows to a height of 54 inches and the three way branched stems open one flower at a time on each branch. The flowers are large, of very attractive form and good substance. The stems with three flowers open have held up when many named varieties in the garden have gone down during storms. . . . . \$20.00

**Tip Top.** A striking and unusual color combination. The standards are solid violet blue and the falls white with a very delicate peppering of blue in the throat and on the edges of the falls.

From a short distance it looks like an Amoenae in reverse, but it should be classed as a plicata. The medium sized flowers have a clean crisp appearance, substance and form are good. The 30-inch stems are well branched . . . . . \$7.50

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**Numbered Pink Seedlings.** Each year during the blooming season we give outstanding seedlings a number and later select from these any we think worthy of introduction and give them a name. Frequently it is difficult to select the best of a particular color. The others are ordinarily discarded as we do not wish to name and introduce near duplicates. Due to the fact that the demand for these new pinks exceeds the supply we are offering rhizomes of numbered pink, orchid or what we call our strawberry blonds and golden apricot seedlings for sale. These seedlings will not be named. They will make attractive garden clumps and are valuable for breeding purposes. . . . . \$5.00

## HEMEROCALLIS

### *Our Originations*

***Fascination.*** A pleasing tone of medium yellow with a prominent halo. The flowers are very broad petalled and very large. The strong 40-inch scapes have the best branching of any day lily I have seen and carry up to 50 flowers on established plants. Mid-season .....\$4.00

***Meadow Gold.*** A very deep golden yellow. The very large broad petalled flowers are wide open, flaring. Outstanding in its color class. 36 inches. Midseason .....\$4.00

***North Star.*** Many hybridizers are working for a white day lily. While North Star is not white it is as near white as any I have seen. It is a large wide open flower with excellent substance and a grace and finish that attracts attention. The slender scapes are unusually strong. A rather late bloomer. 38-inches \$4.00

***Mission Bells.*** A large wide-petalled, ruffled medium toned clear yellow producing up to 52 large flowers to a stem on established plants. It is a strong grower and a free bloomer. ....\$4.00

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Hemerocallis shipments will commence about the middle of August.

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